

*Photo on 13 June 2016*



## Nags Head Shoreline Management Committee Meeting

# Project Schedule for 2018 Re-Nourishment

2016		
Month 1	May	Initiate work
Mon 2–5	Jun- Sept	(1) Define the ideal (target) beach condition (2) Conduct borrow area survey & obtain borings (3) Develop renourishment requirements, dune stabilization alternatives, and initiate engineering studies
Mon 6-8	Oct-Dec	Design, cost estimates, field work, initiate permit liaison
2017		
Mon 9–13	Jan- May	(1) Prepare supporting environmental documents (2) Complete preliminary design (3) Pre-application meetings with regulatory & resource agencies
Mon 14	Jun	Submit permit applications with supporting documents
Mon 15–20	Jul-Dec	Permit liaison to secure permits in time
2018		
Mon 21–24	Jan-Apr	Receive permits / prepare plans and specifications, request bids, receive bids, select contractor, construction preparation
Mon 25–28	May- Aug	Construction and construction administration

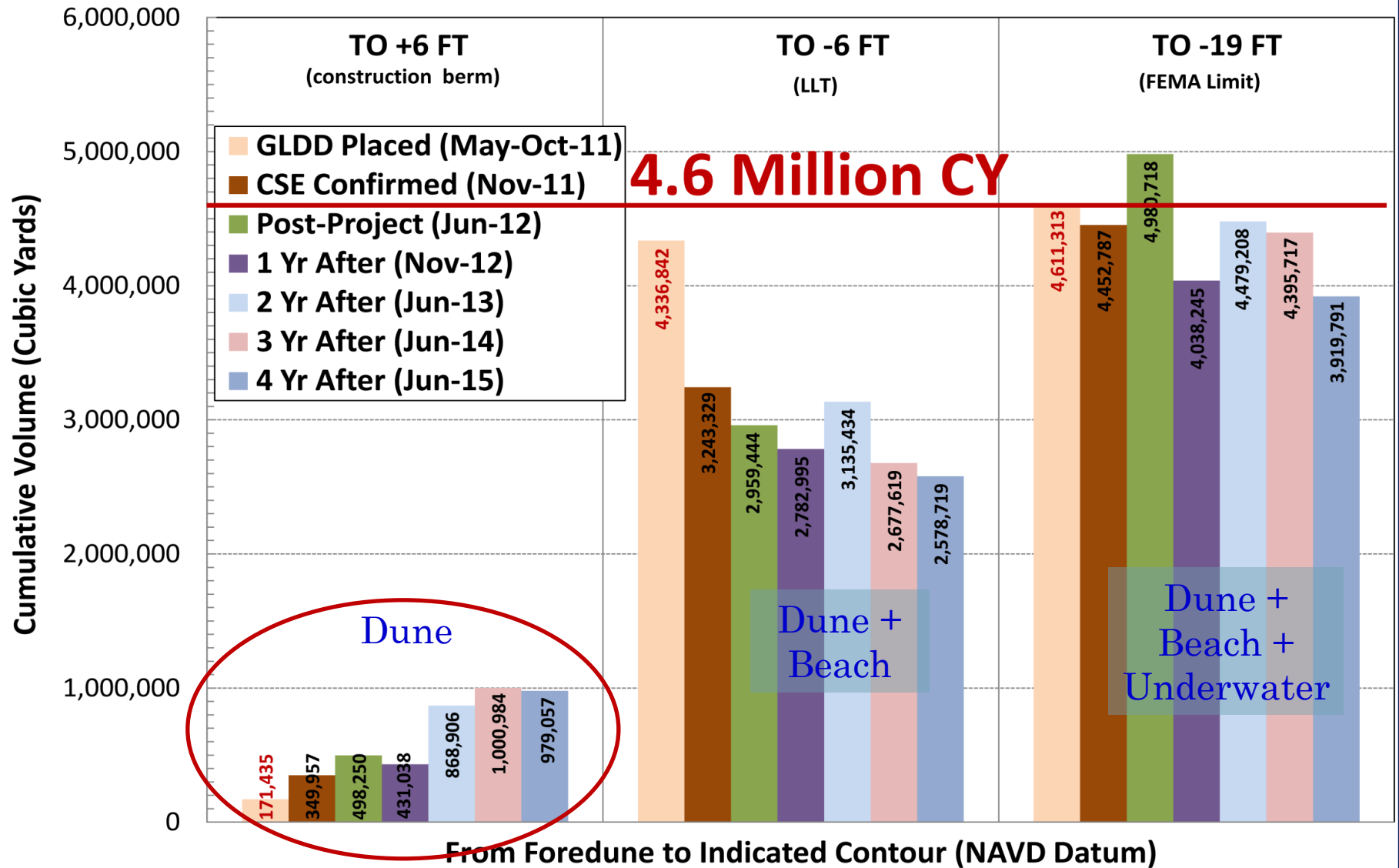
# Goal – To Define A “Target” Beach Condition for the 2018 Renourishment and the Future

- Provide higher level of storm protection
- Provide wider recreational beach
- Replenish sand deficit in the “sand box”



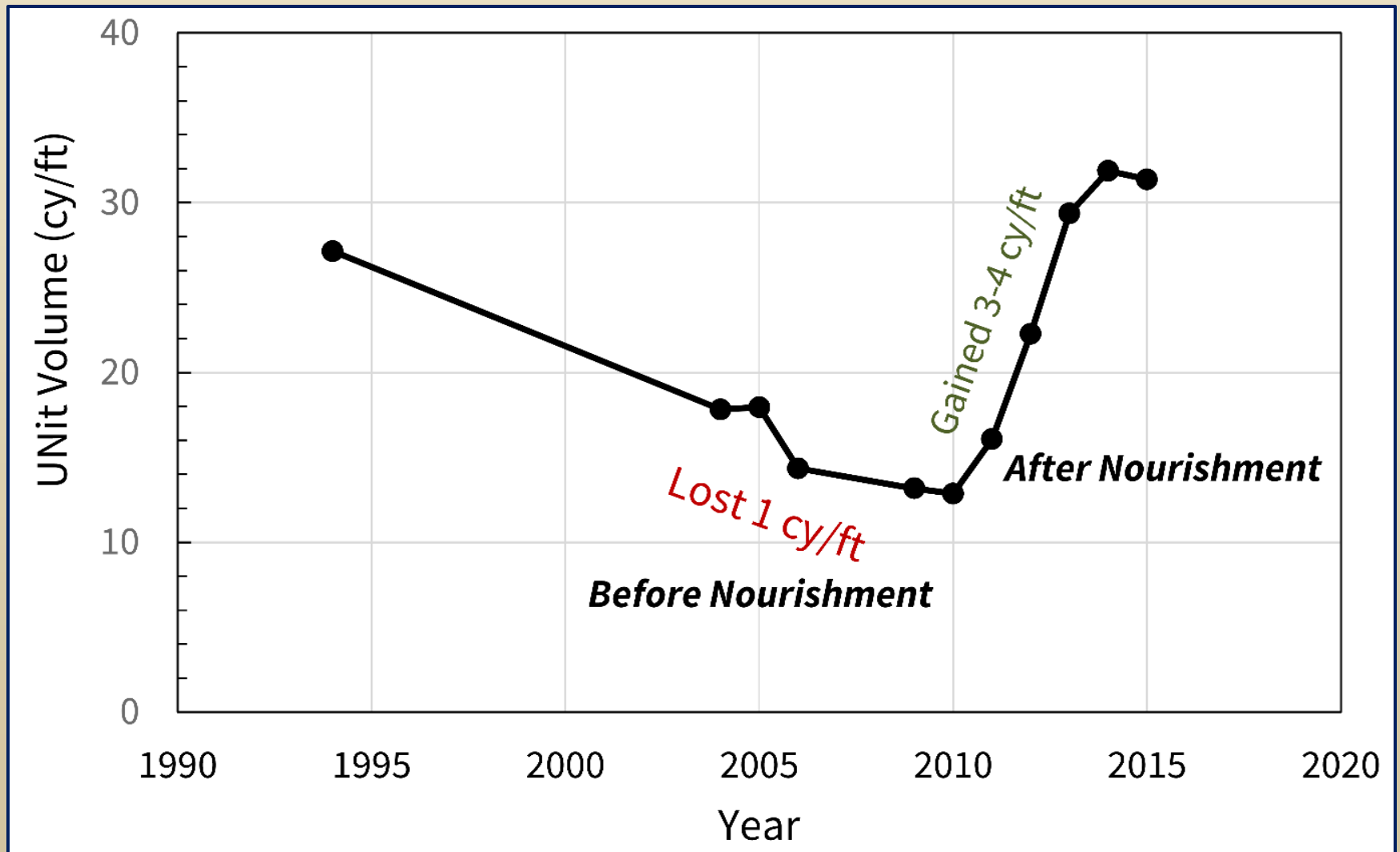
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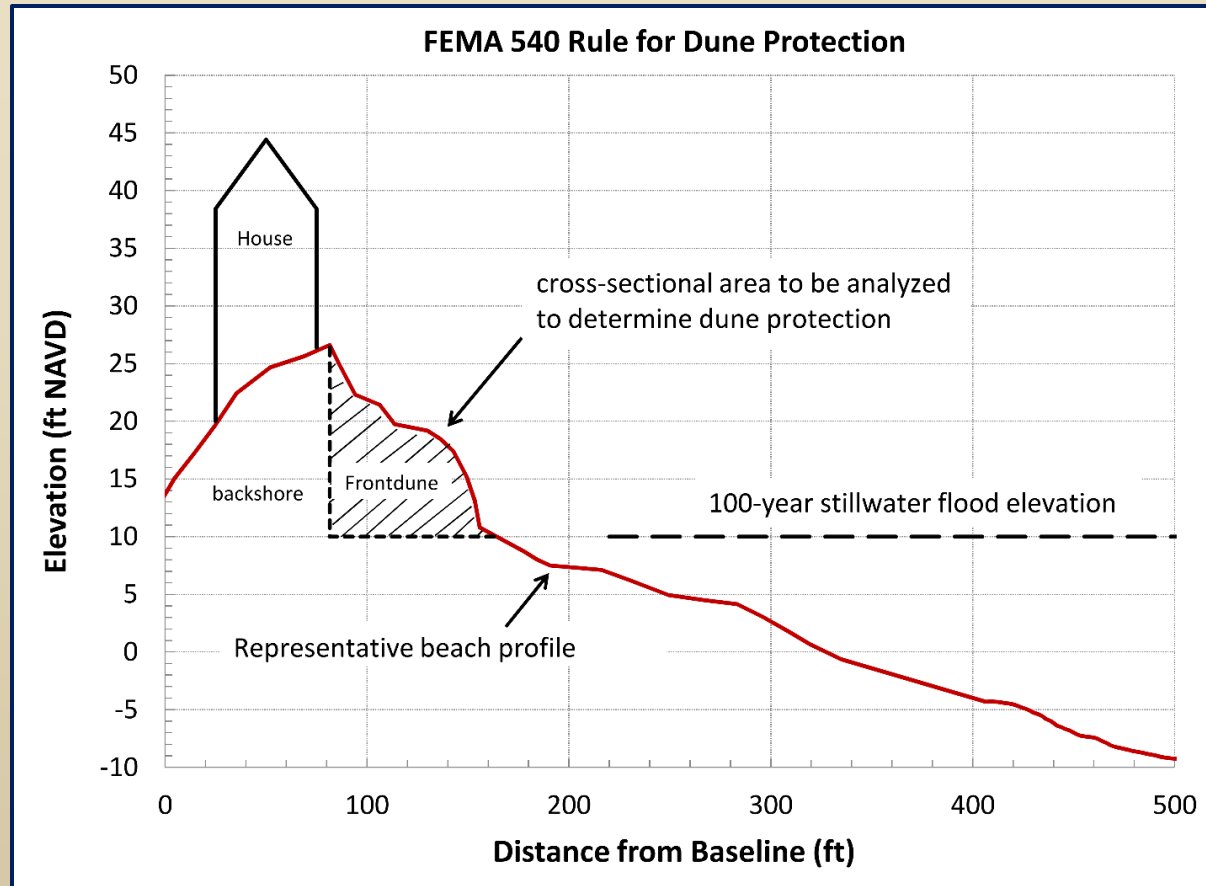




# Dune Growth/Loss Rates Before/After Nourishment

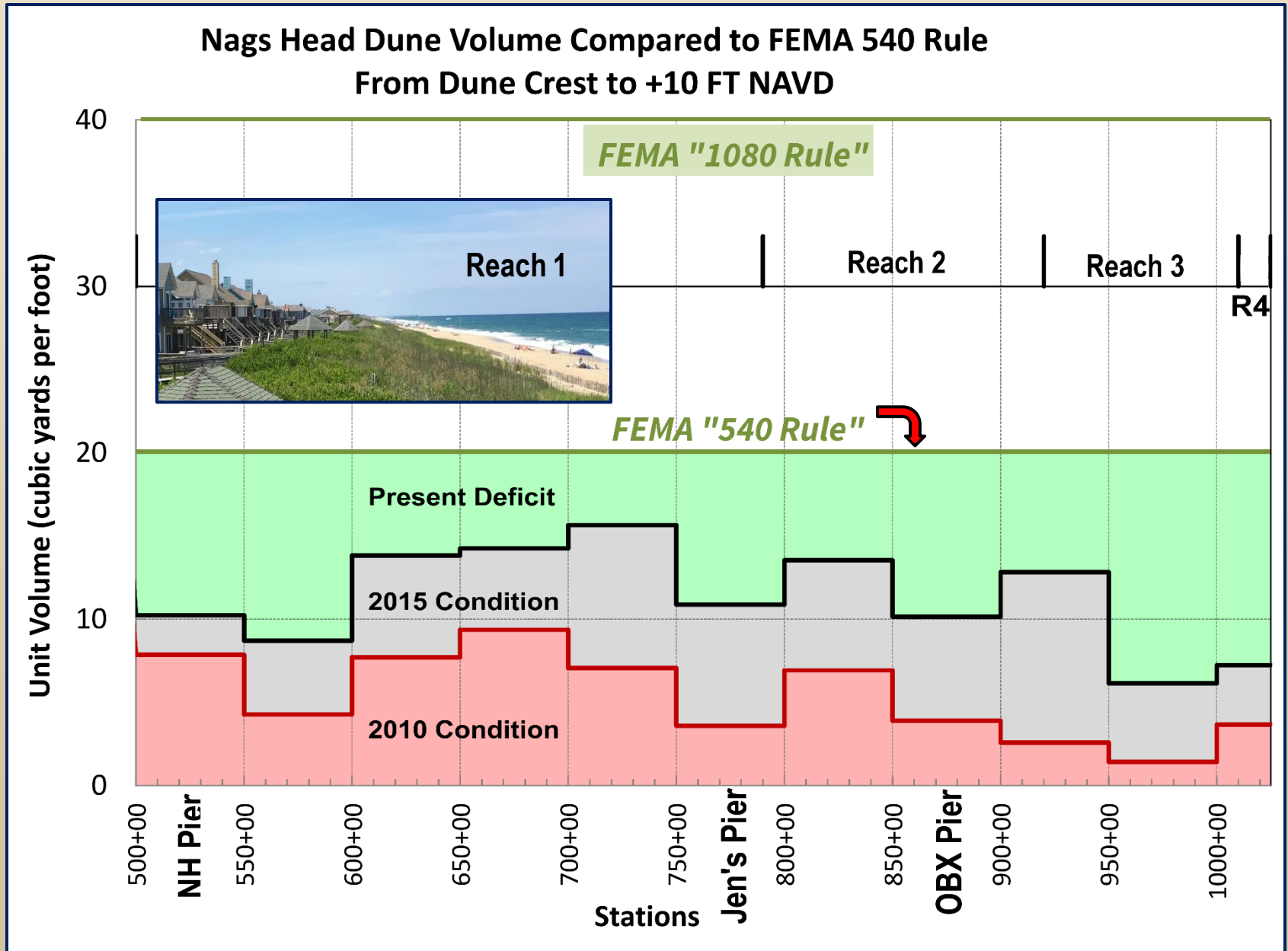


# FEMA 540 Rule for Dune Protection



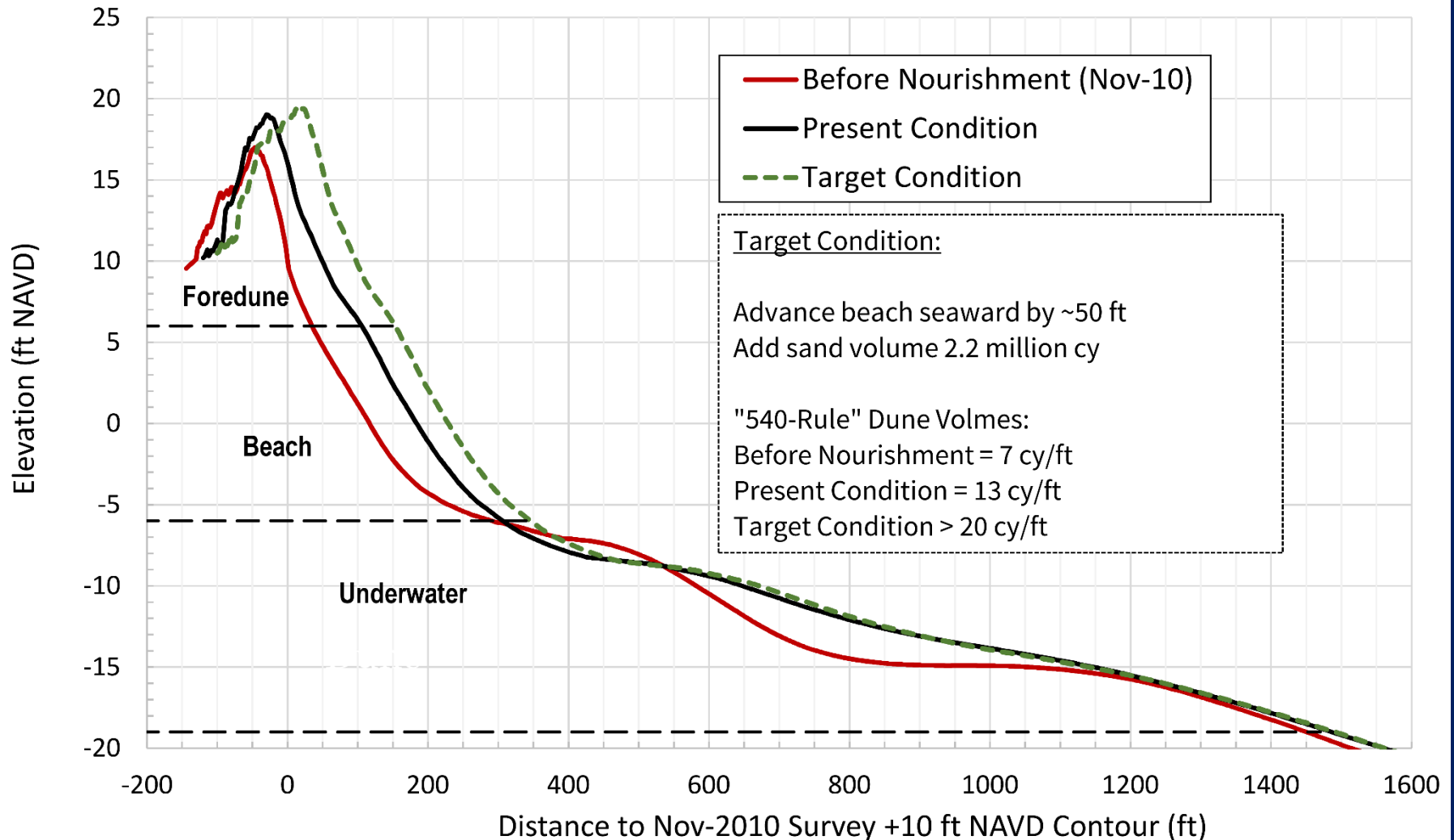
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# Nags Head "540 Rule" Volume Before/After 2011 Project



# Average Profile Analysis

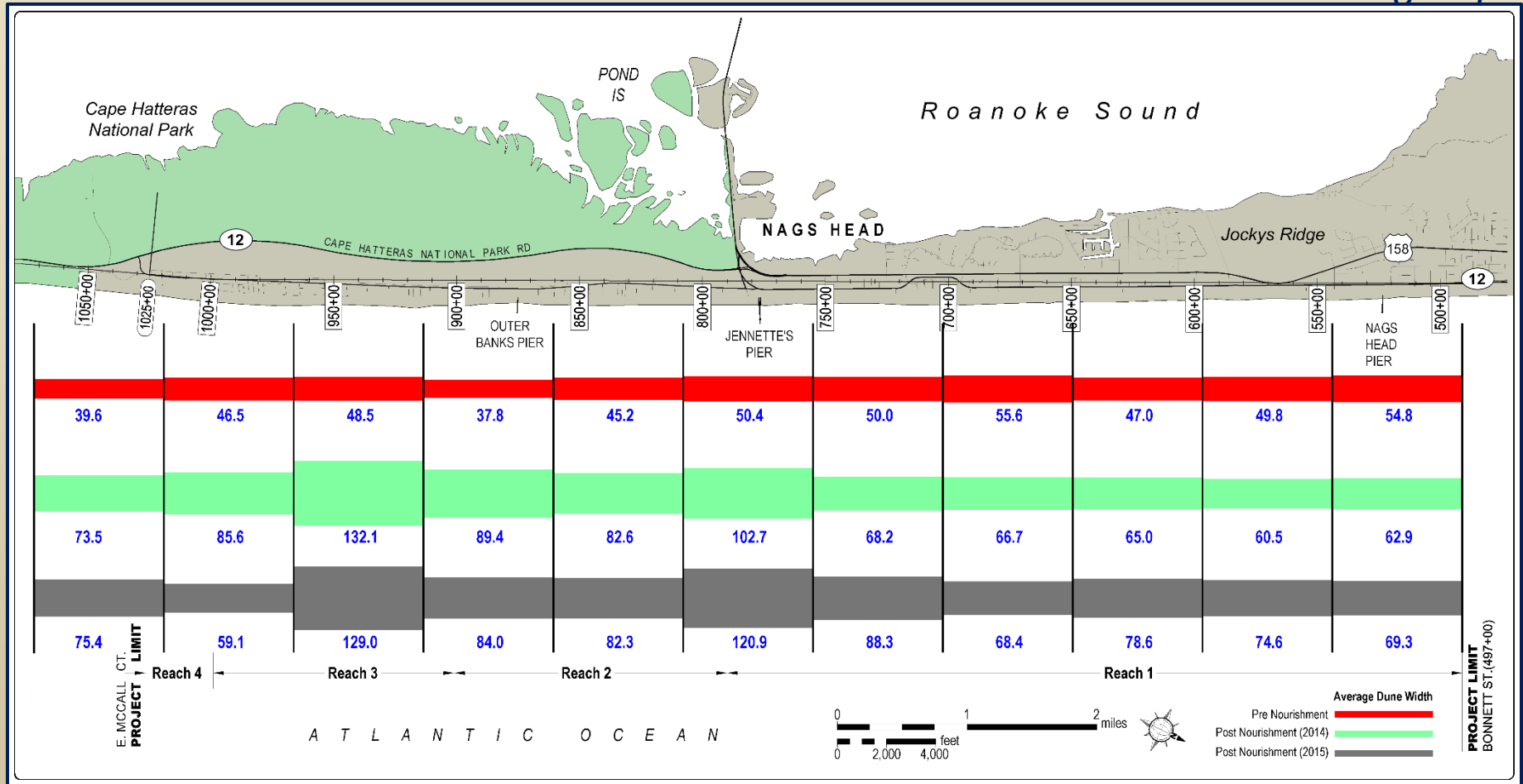
## Average Profile along Nags Head





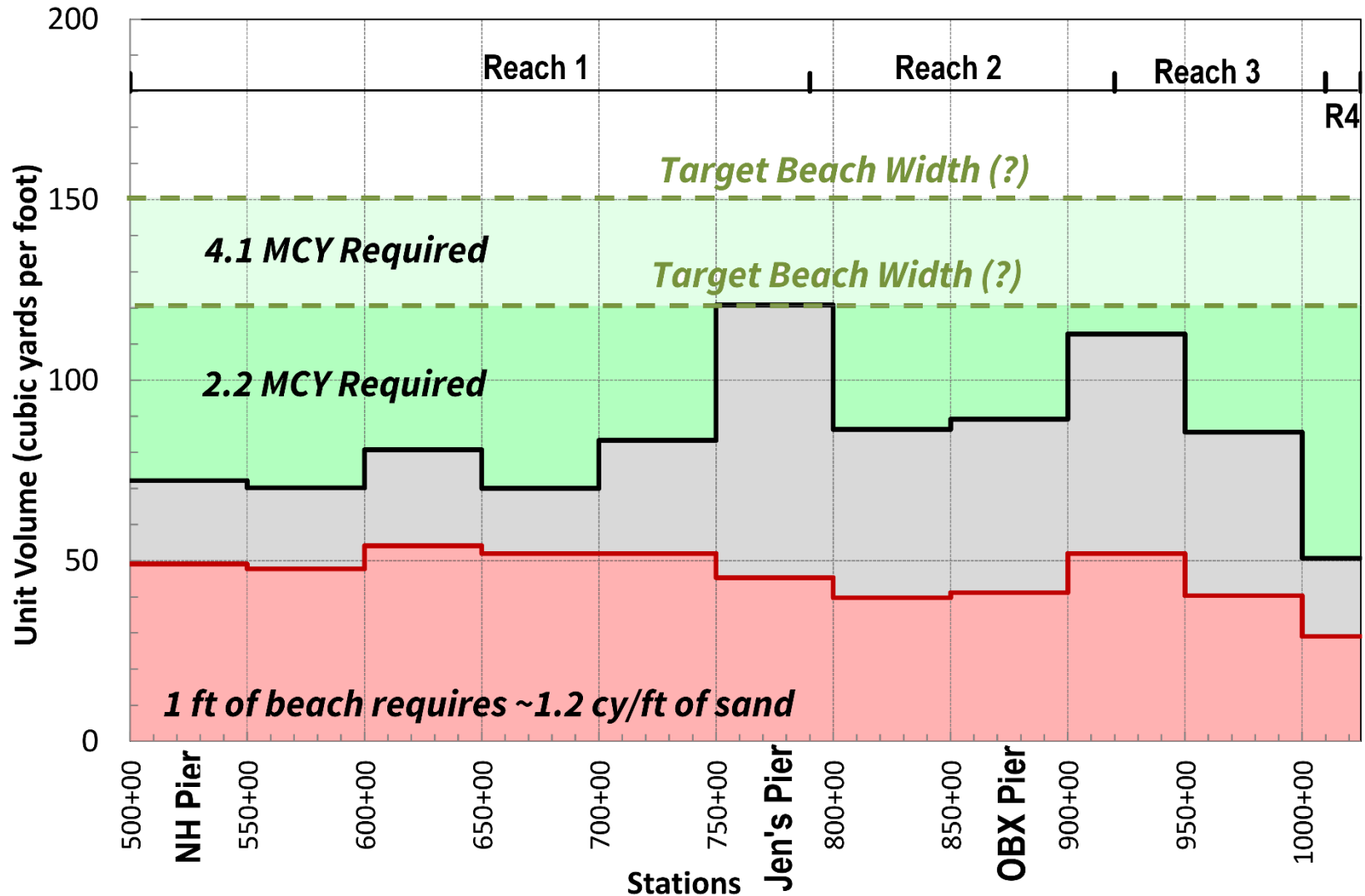
# Nags Head Beach Width Before/After 2011 Project

*From CSE 2015 Monitoring Report*



# 1-Mile Average Beach Width Before/After 2011

Nags Head Beach Width Compared to Target Beach Width  
Between +10 FT and +5 FT NAVD



# Dune Growth After Nourishment



Incipient Dune &  
Established Dune



# **Hurricanes and Storms in Outer Banks (2000 – Present)**

- Florence – 12 September 2000
- Isabel – 18 September 2003
- Dennis – 11 July 2005
- Katrina – 30 August 2005
- Ophelia – 14 September 2005
- Irene – 27 August 2011
- Sandy – 26 October 2012
- Arthur – 3-4 July 2014
- Joaquin – 3 October 2015
- Bonnie – 30 May 2016



# Hurricane *Isabel* (18 September 2003)

Dec 2003



April  
2004



Post-*Isabel* Dune Building (FEMA)

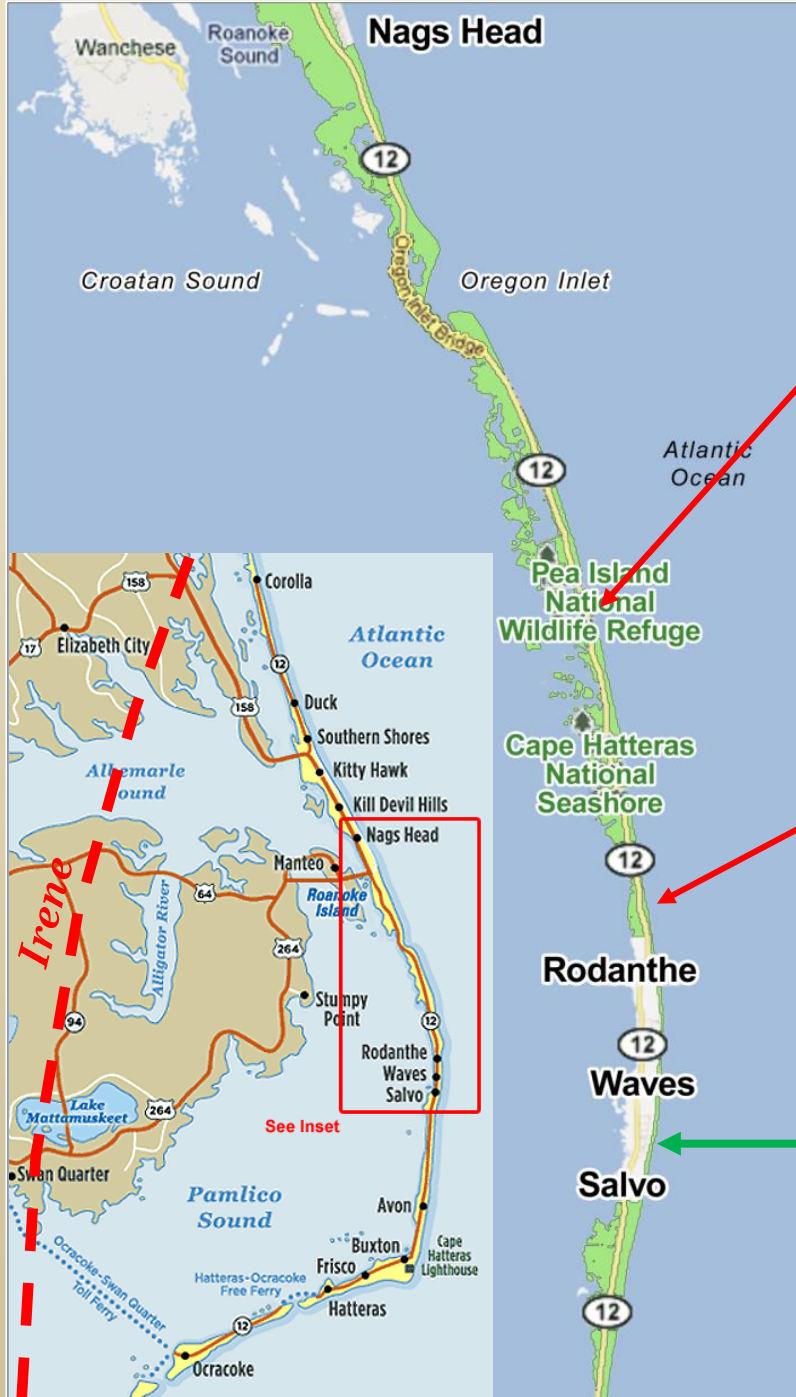


Nov 2010



May 2004







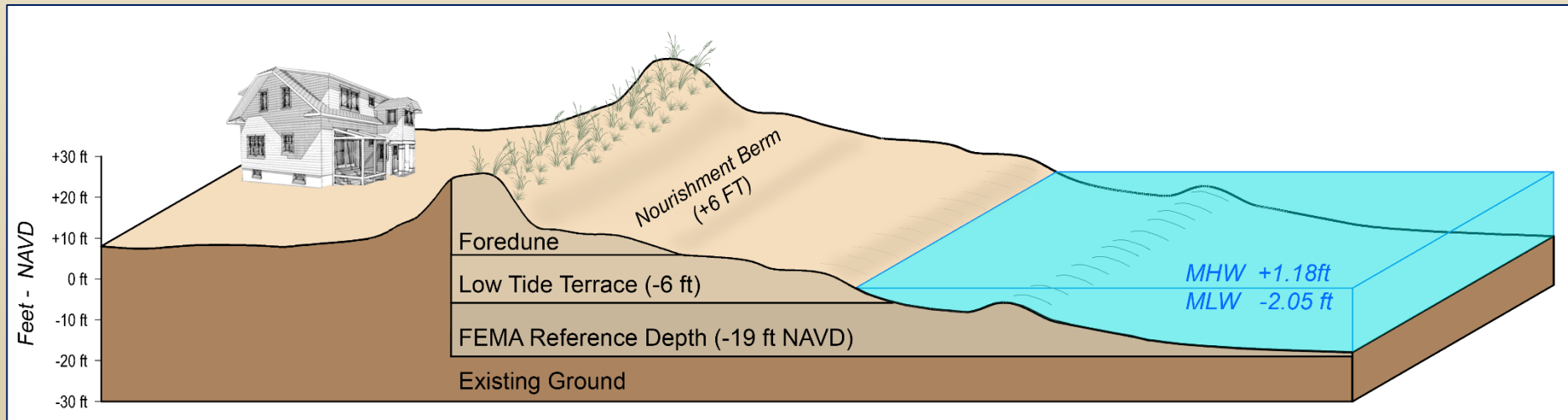
# Discussion

- Project scale
- Formulation
- Strategic borrow area(s)
- Permitting
- Storm protection level
- Beach width
- Short term vs. long term
- Dune enhancement





# Beach Condition Analysis – “The Littoral Sand Box”



Lens 1 – **Foredune** – From the ~crest of dune to +6 ft NAVD\*

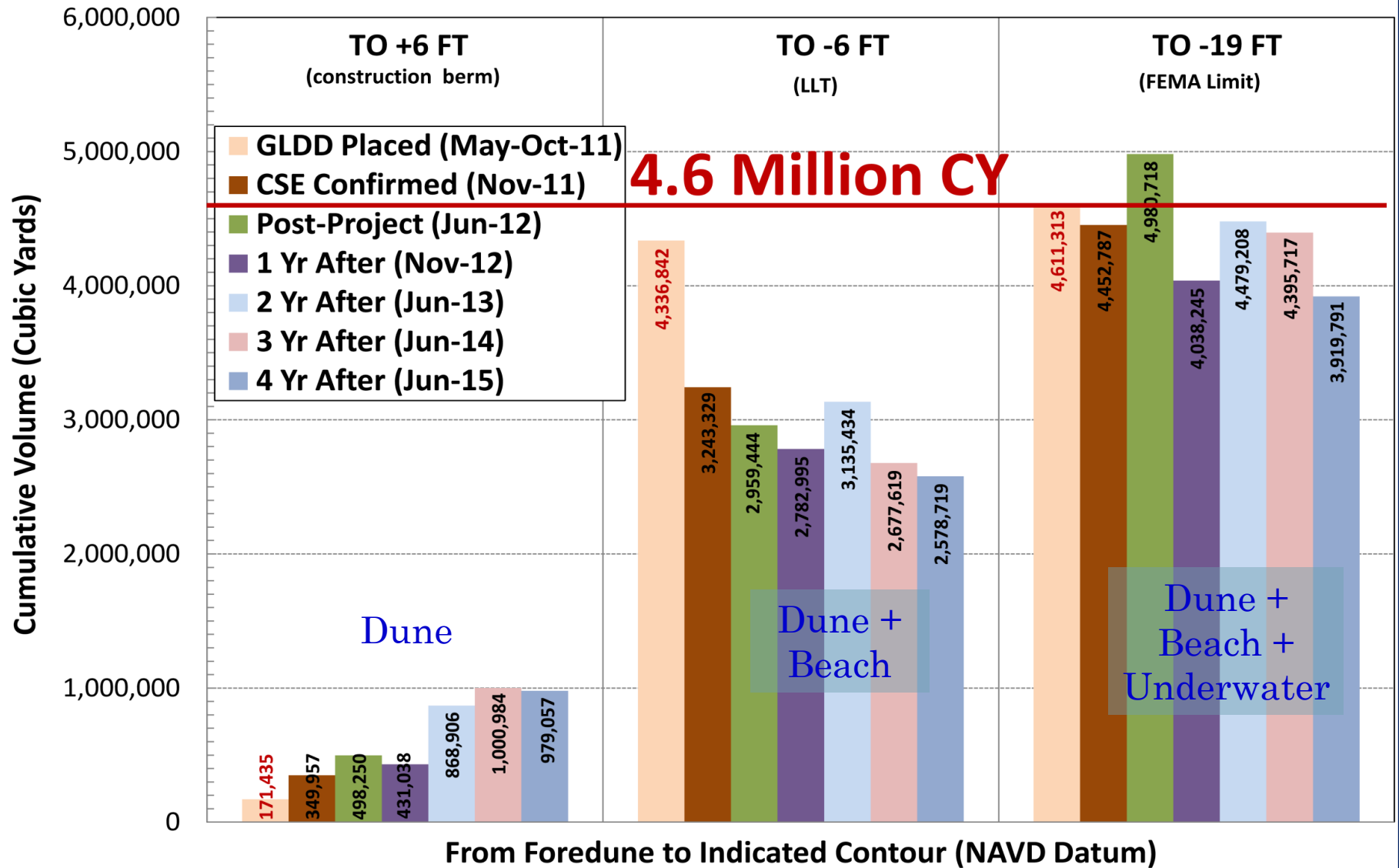
Lens 2 – **Beach** – Between +6 ft and -6 ft NAVD

Lens 3 – **Underwater** – Between -6 ft and -19 ft NAVD

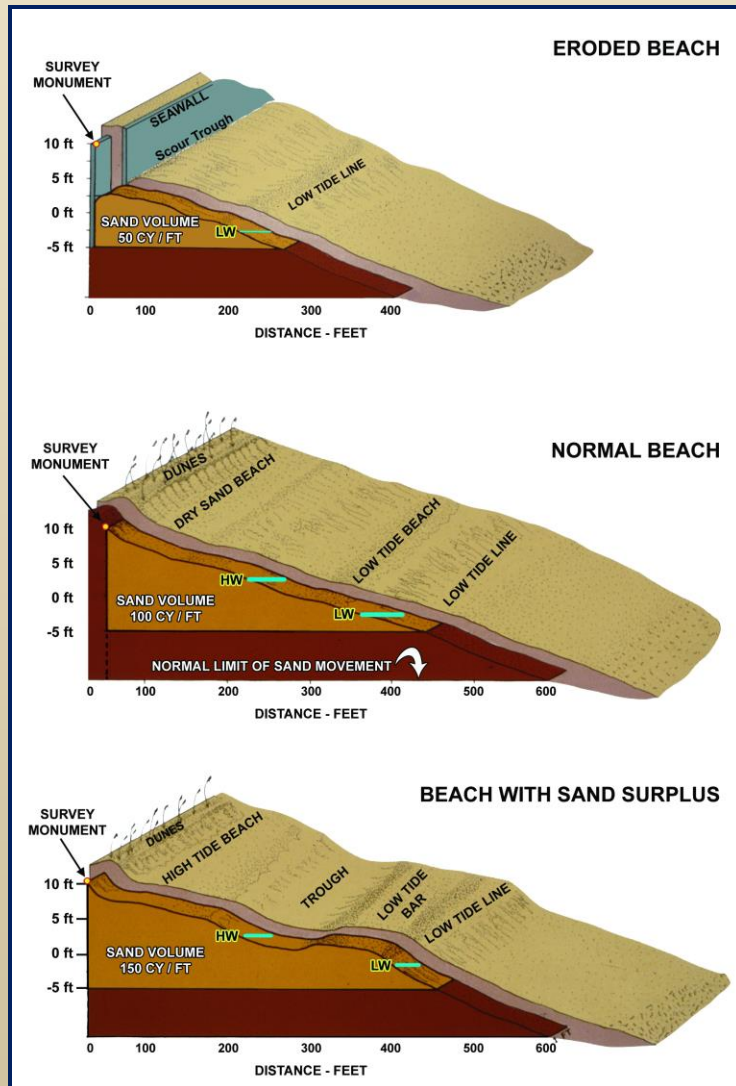
\*NAVD-North American Vertical Datum of 1988 = ~mean sea level

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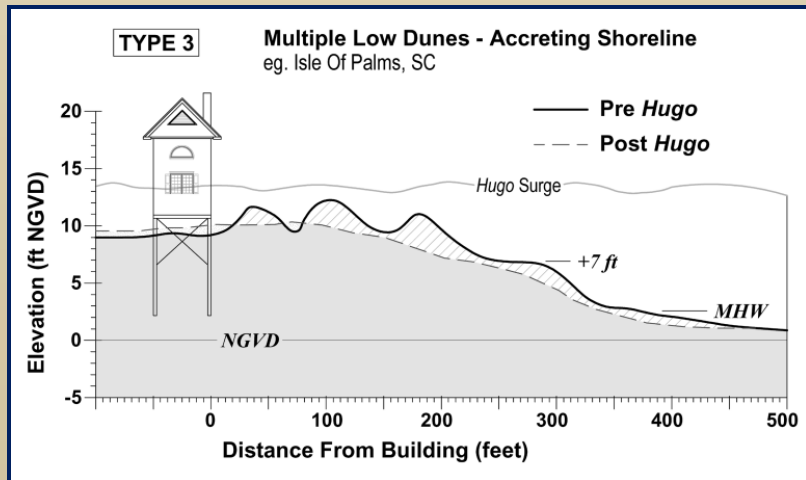
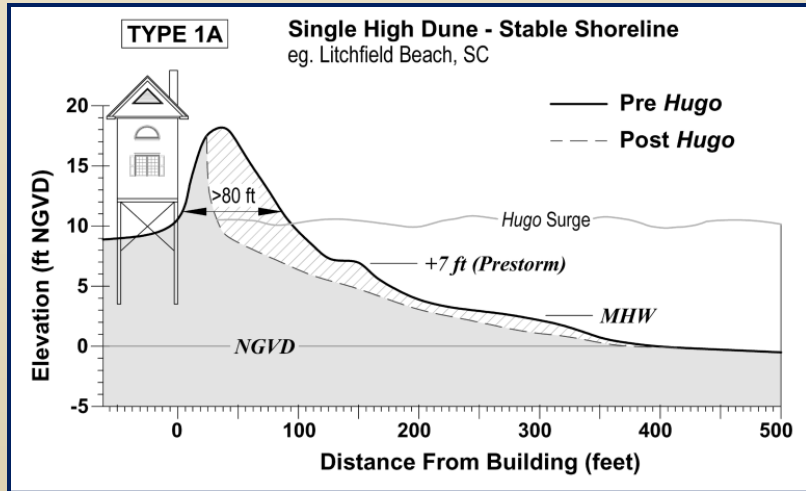


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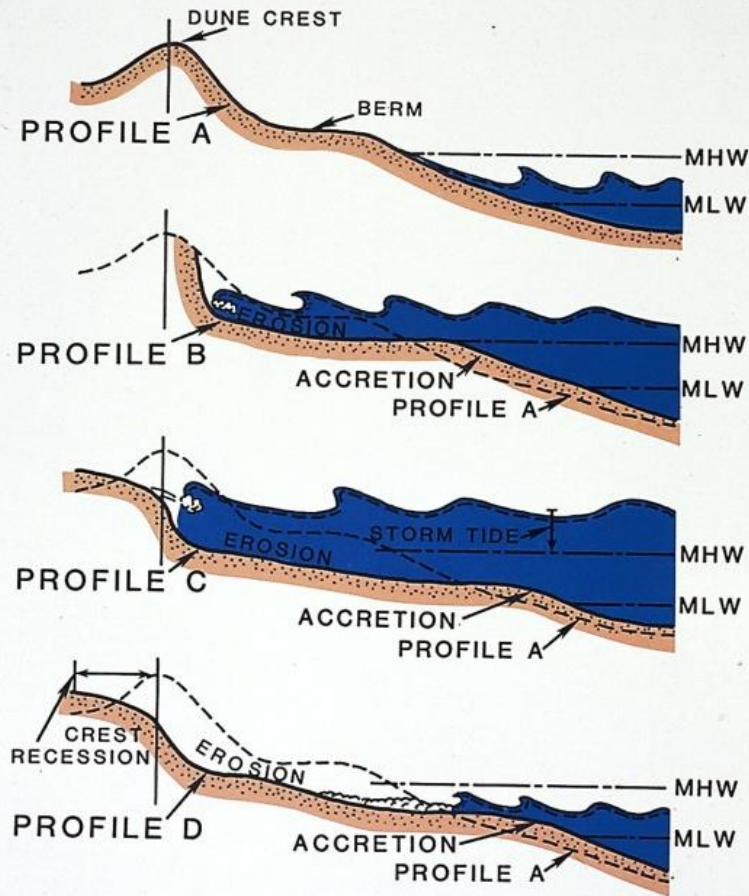
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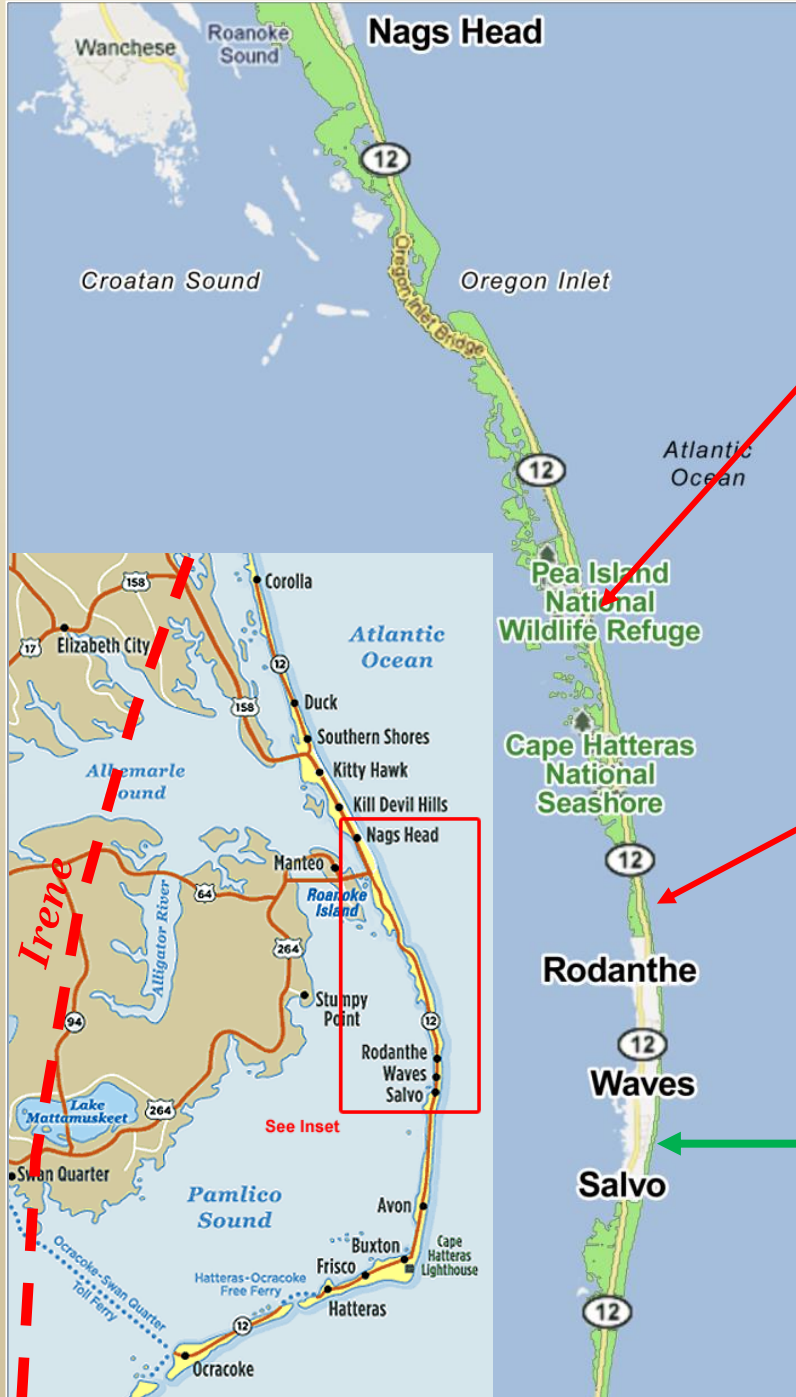
## Formula for Sustainable Developed Coasts

High Dunes  
+ Wide  
Beaches  
= Less  
Damage



After CERC, 1973

Resource: [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org)



# At Nags Head – *Post 2011 Project*

Wide Beaches →

Growing dunes

Wide Beaches →

Lower wave run-up in storms

Wide Beaches →

Fewer washovers at street

ends



Wide Beaches

Lower public maintenance

costs



Wide Beaches

Higher property values/tax

base



March 1985

@ Low tide



# Myrtle Beach 30-yr Improvement



February 1987



1<sup>st</sup> Locally  
Sponsored  
Nourishment  
In SC



March 1985



## Myrtle Beach – 30 yrs later

February 1987

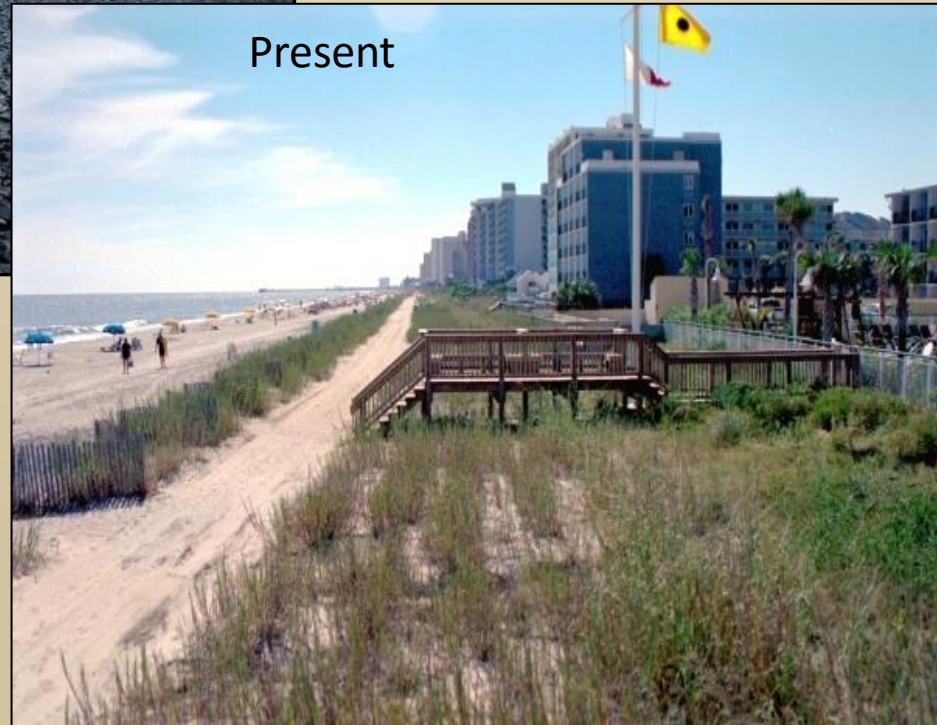


Four Nourishment  
Events – 1986 to  
Present

Federal Project  
1997 - 2047

- Seawalls Buried
- Protective Storm Berm
- 100 ft Wider Beach
- 100 Acres Beach habitat gained

Present

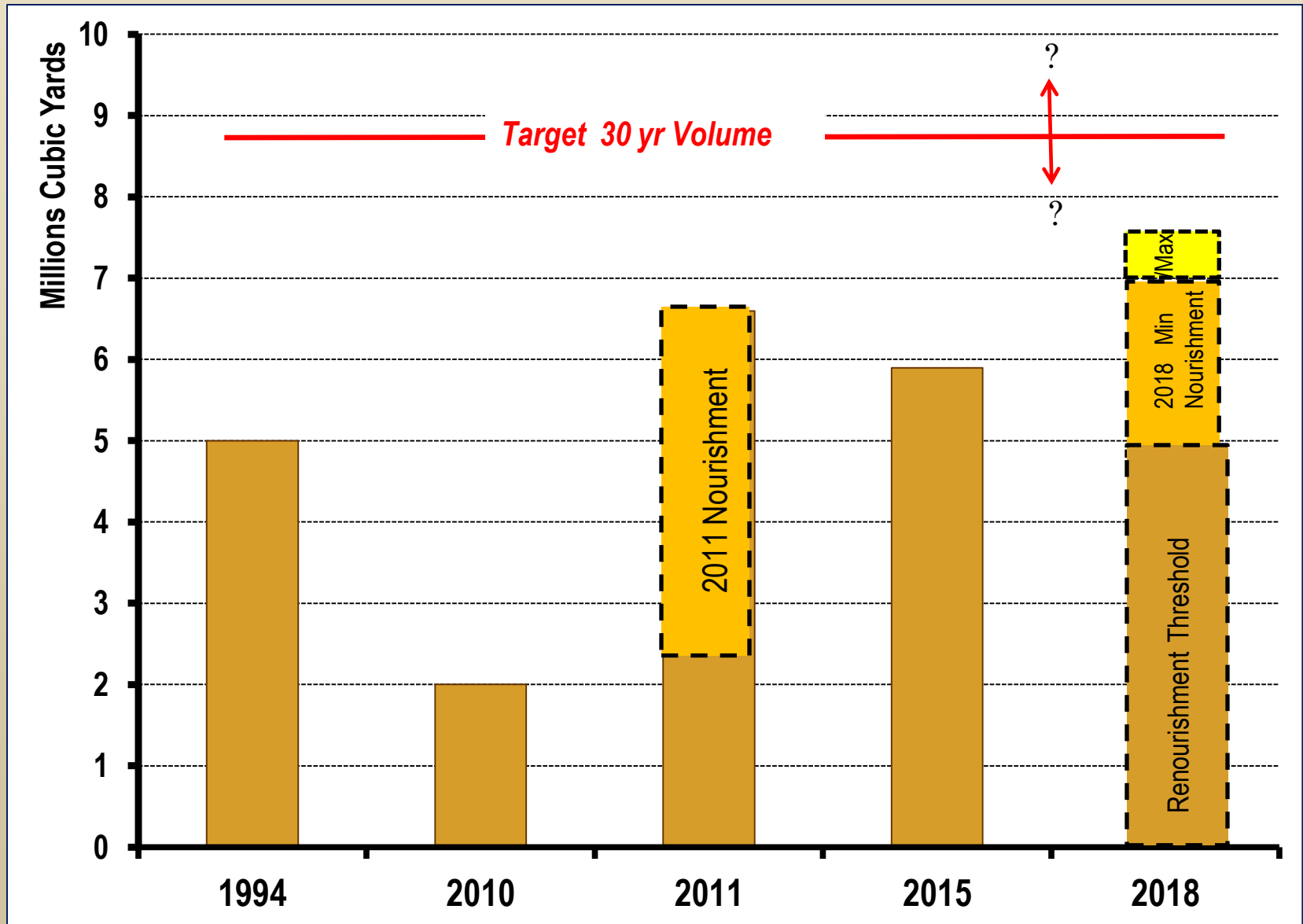


## Part 2 – Target Beach Condition

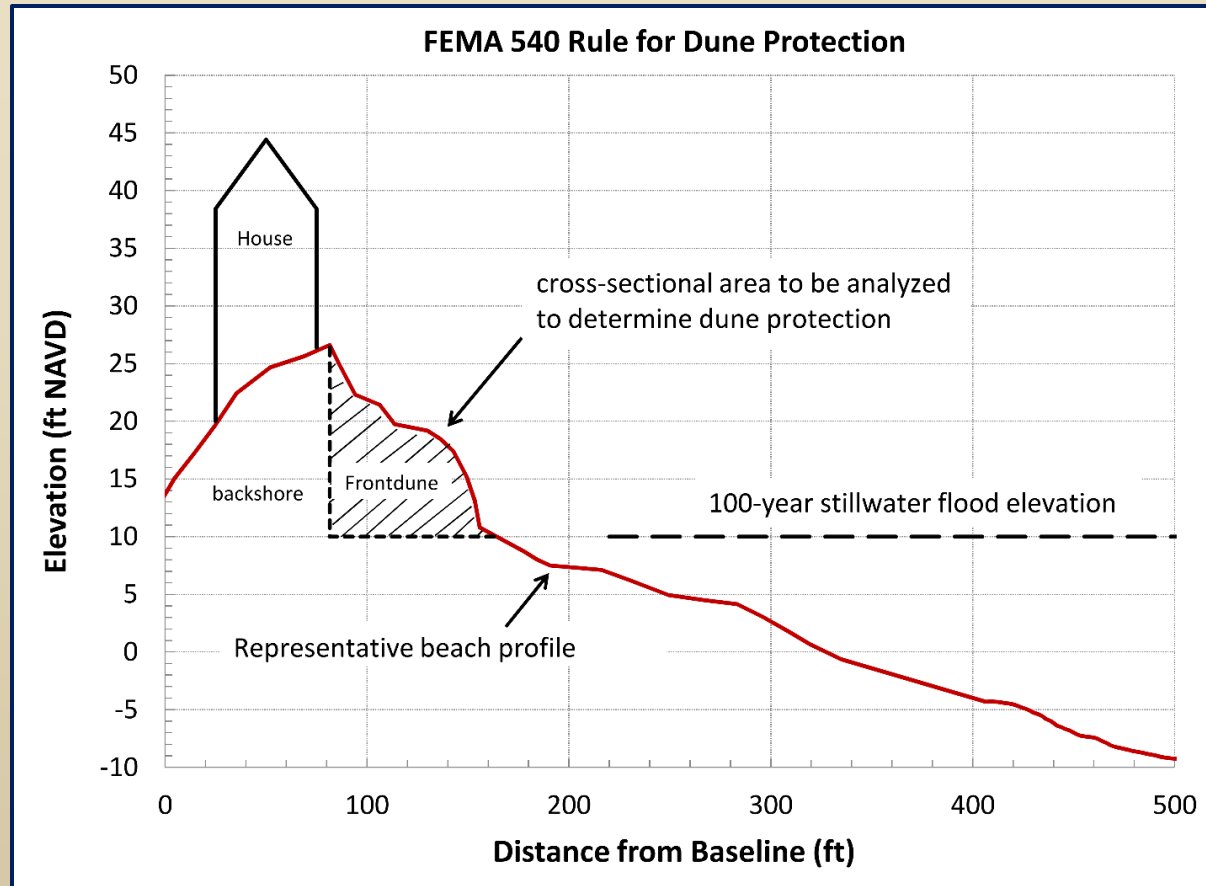
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- Recreational beach width
- Sand deficit in the “sand box” to a target condition



# Nags Head Sand Volume in the System

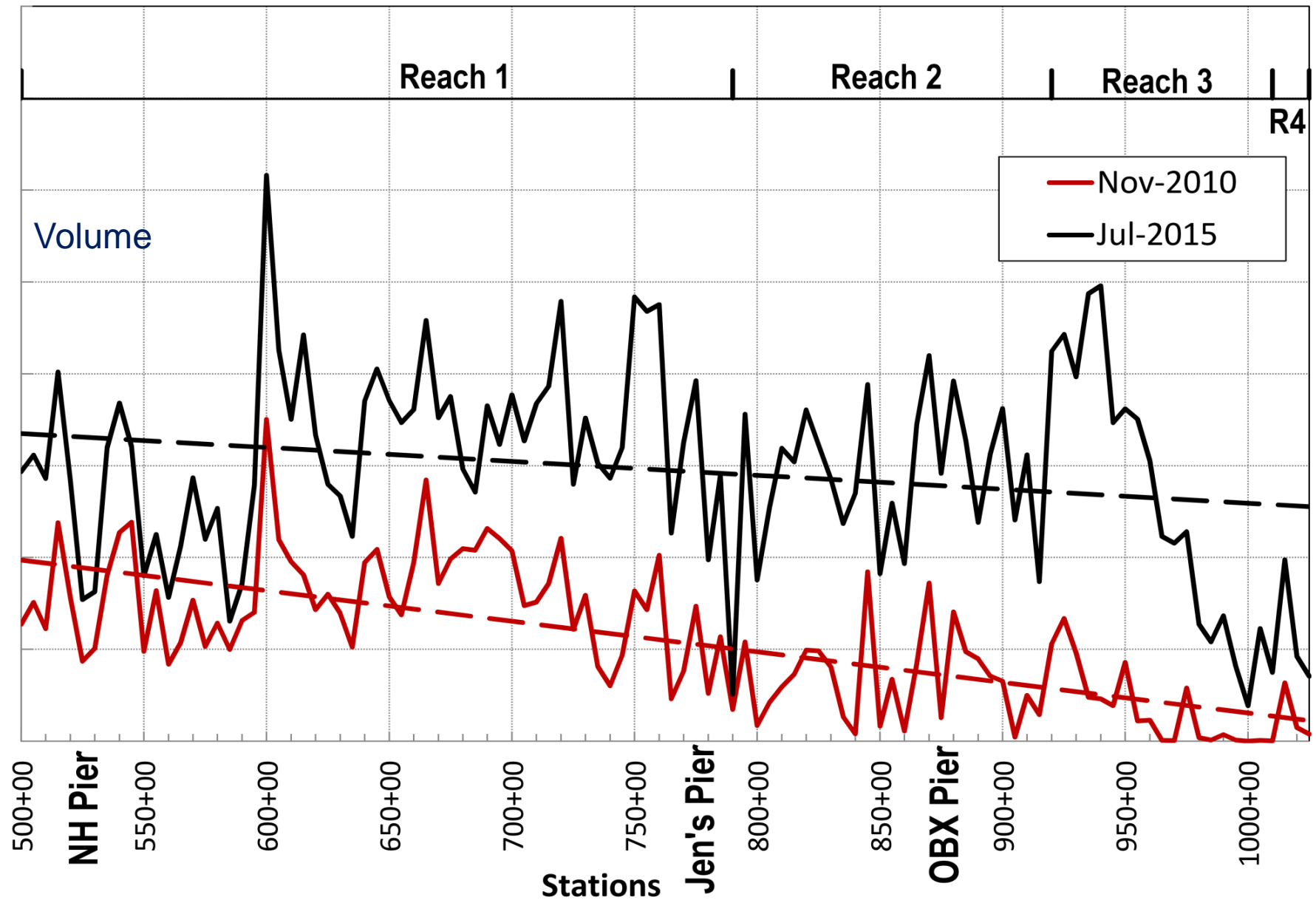


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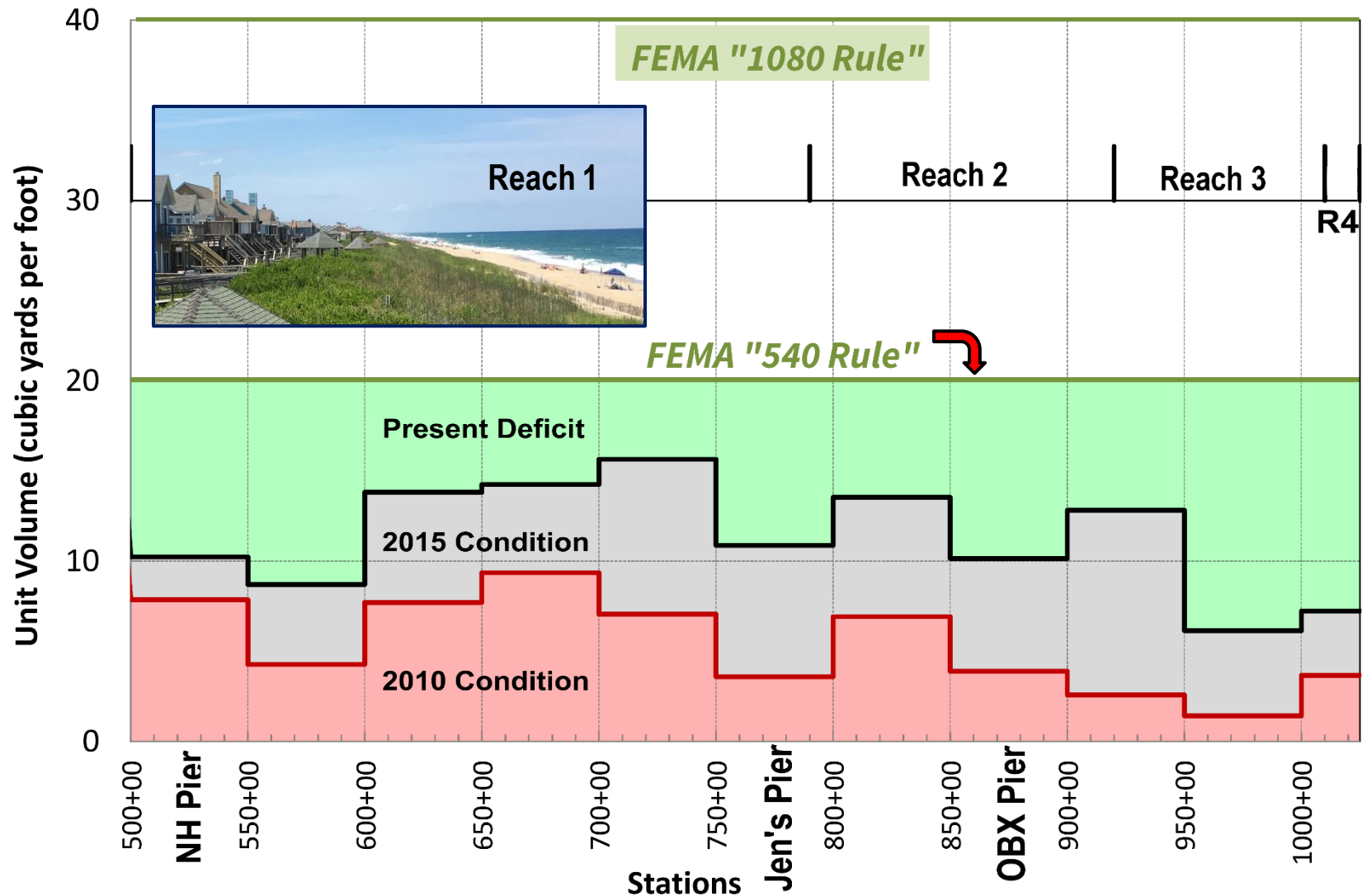
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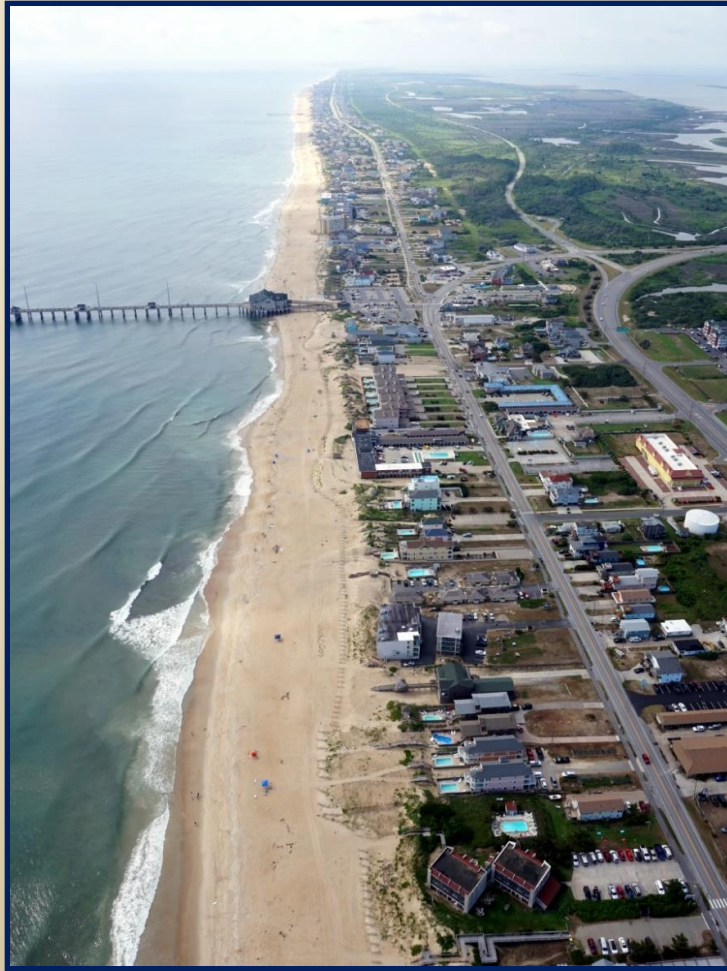
# Natural Growth of Dune



# Nags Head Dune Volume Before/After 2011 Project

Nags Head Dune Volume Compared to FEMA 540 Rule  
From Dune Crest to +10 FT NAVD





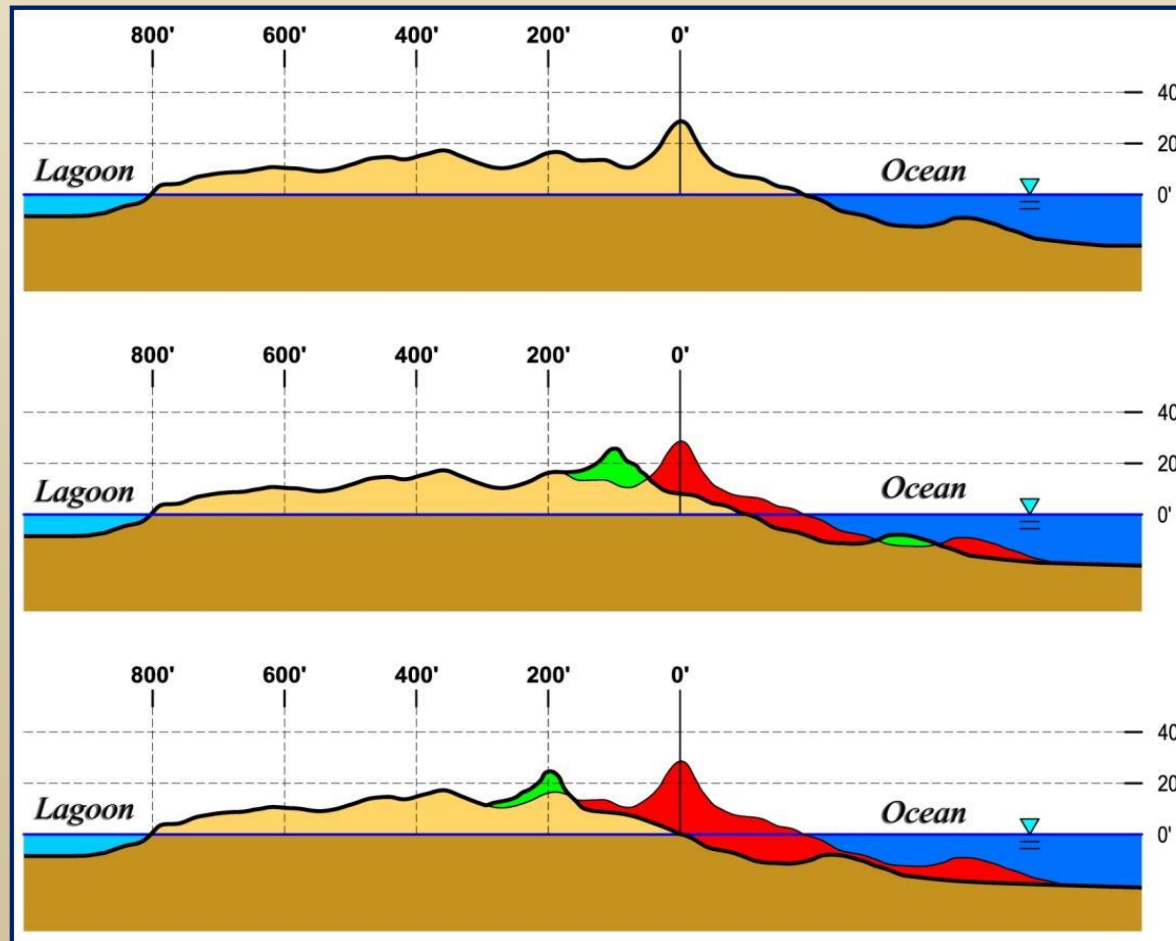
**Nags Head at Jennett's Pier  
June 2015 looking southwest**



**South Nags Head near Outer  
Banks Pier June 2015 looking  
northeast**

*“The Essence of the Beach Restoration Debate is Whether to Allow Erosion to Proceed and Abandon Existing Homes, Businesses & Infrastructure or Replace the Lost Sand in the Red Zone.”*

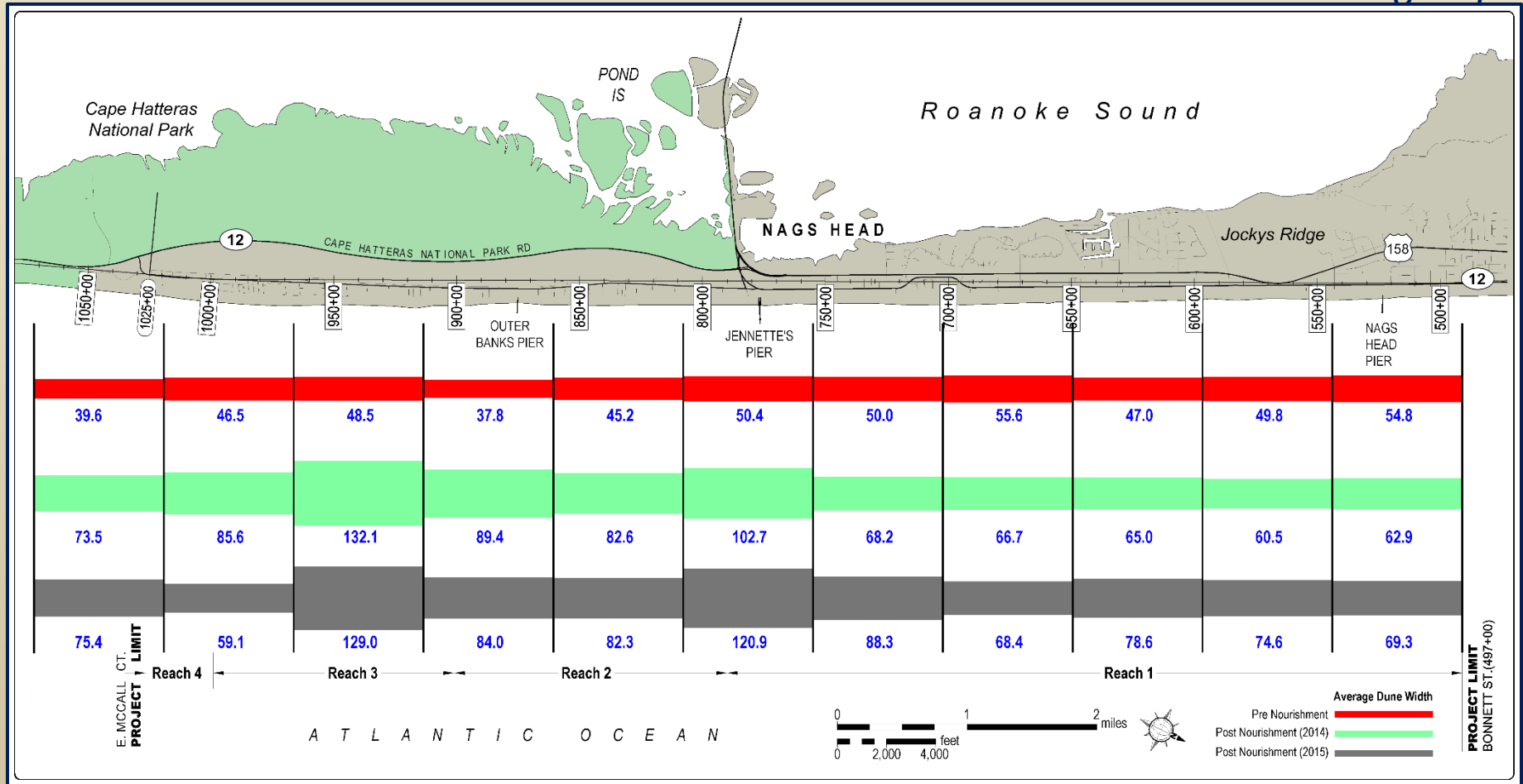
*CSE Primer 2011*





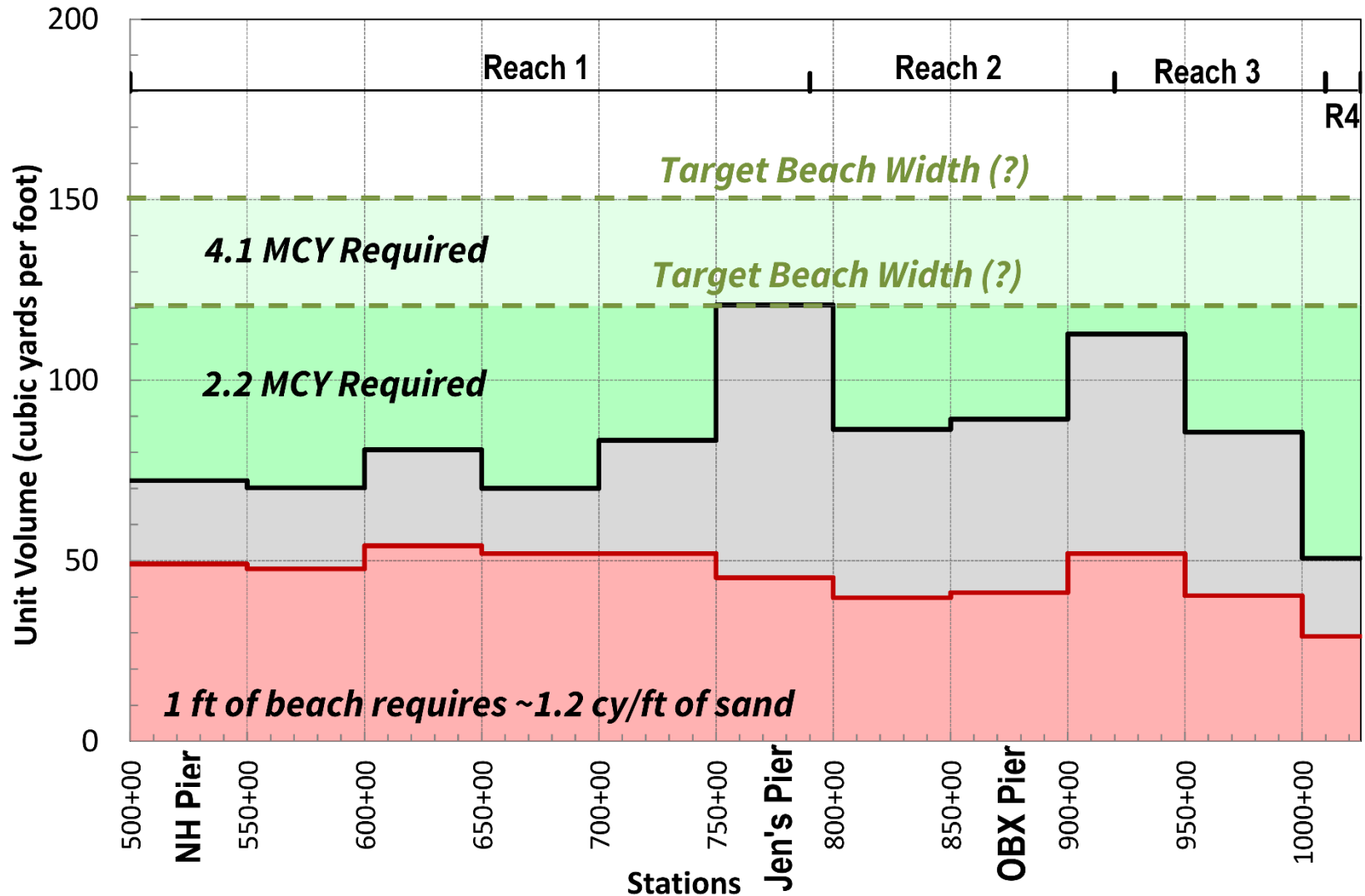
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## **Part 3 – Work Progress and Path Forward for 2018 Re-nourishment**

- Field work updates – borrow areas
- References for public access
- Determine project objectives and scale
- Initiate preliminary design and coastal engineering study
- Initiate permit liaison and document preparation

# Discussion